

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to communication filed on 3/7/2008.
2. Claims 1-10 and 11-25 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-10 and 11-25 are allowed.

The present invention is directed to a method and system for providing a promotion to a customer based upon the status of a promotion previously delivered to a customer.

Walker (6,848,995) teaches a past offer database that includes a result of offer that indicates whether a casino player accepted or rejected the offer.

"Qualitative Marketing Software QMSoft- Announces Centrus Customer Service Interaction Objects" Business Wire teaches an offer system wherein a retailer delivers a personalized promotion appropriate to each registrant.

As per Board's decision dated 2/29/2008, the references alone or in combination does not disclose or suggest using its data to determine or use a third status value an "unknown" status value. This feature is present in sole independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Point of contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (571)272-6715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

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